

## **CTK E-News Contents August 25, 2016**

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### **A Note from Ken Greble**

From water and fire comes new life...

This weekend we will baptize with water, and anoint with oil Isabella Rose. This is a part of our Lutheran faith's sacramental tradition. Many of you know I have been fortunate enough to spend this past week in the woods! Looking at life surrounding me as I invaded this part of God's creation. As I looked out at beautiful vistas from every vantage point I could hardly take in all that unfolded before me. The colors vivid, the smells so rich with camp fires and grilling. There was a constant stream of children screaming with laughter and adults doing the same! There were quiet conversations and naps, fishing adventures, campfires, bird watching and many family stories from past adventures. I could go on for quite some time with all this blessed experience. However I want to take this time to tell you of two thoughts which were very present throughout this week.

There is a tree on Mongaup pond in the Catskill Mountains. Not unusual, however this tree was somewhat unique to the rest. Like most families there had been misfortune for this tree. The original tree long since having died must have been a majestic specimen. But growing up and out of this tree was a new tree, fully grown and straining towards the sky at the edge of Mongaup pond, gladly contributing to the song of life that God has created from water in this place.

At night the forest that this little tree and pond live within recedes as the campfire comes to life. Sitting warm on our camp chairs there were frequent lulls in the depth of family conversation. I got the sense that each person was drawn into another place while looking deep into the glowing embers. What draws us into this constantly undulating warmth? Of course there is the sleepiness we have because of a long day at camp! Although once again I couldn't escape the thought that here was another tree---or two--- having died so that new life could come forth. In this case there were new family connections coming forth around the warmth of the glowing flames. The fire of the Holy Spirit touching each person.

In these experiences I found both death and life springing forth into my camp experience. In both of these examples I was moved to reflect on Christ the King's upcoming welcome and commitment to Isabella Rose. As you reflect on life and death within the CTK community I pray that you will be encouraged that like the wood of the stump at the pond or the fire wood...it is in the complete giving up of ourselves that new life springs forth.



Ken

## **Announcements**

### **Bowling League**

Are you interested in bowling? Teams are forming for the Christ the King/Grace Episcopal Bowling league - starting Sunday is September 11th at 12:30.

Hope some of you will join us - the more the merrier!

Please contact:

Lori Schmidt

Grace Episcopal Church

810-664-2841

### **Sunday School**

Out for the summer, see you in the fall!!

### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, September 18, 2015 immediately following worship. We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Our next breakfast is this Sunday, September 4 at 8:45 a.m. This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

### **CTK Council**

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka\*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka\*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith (\*Not on Church Council)

### **Water Bottle Collection for Flint**

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

### **Project for August**

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For August we will collect school supplies for local elementary schools. Please bring items to CTK.

Thank you!

### **CTK Spirit-wear Fundraiser**

We are ordering CTK Spirit-wear again. T-shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts! This is a fundraiser for CTK. See the flier on the bulletin board for pricing and colors. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **CTK Golf Outing**

When: Sunday, August 28 at 12:00 noon

Where: Arcadia Hills 3801 Haines Rd, Attica, MI 48412

Cost: \$16.00 per person, includes 9 holes, cart, hotdog and pop.

If you would like to ride along (not golf) and eat cost is \$8.00 per person. You must be 16 years old to drive a golf cart.

Please sign up below so we can give the course an accurate count. See Bob Forthoffer for more information or if you would like to help with this event

Hotdogs and pop will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

### **Oktoberfest Meal**

Join us on Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 pm for our annual Oktoberfest meal. Invite friends and family. Please bring a dish to share!! Everyone is welcome!!

### **SCRIP Gift Cards**

Here are the SCRIP cards we have available for purchase:

1 Arby's \$10

Aeropostale \$25

Mongolian Barbeque \$20

Bob Evans \$10

CVS \$10

Disney Music \$15

Footlocker \$25

Journeys \$25

Noodles and Company \$10

3 Pizza Hut \$10

Regis Salon \$25

Please see Kaitlynn Tuckey, Scott DeWitt or Sue Halamka to purchase.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team**

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together; our next meeting is September 11 immediately following worship. We meet the second Sunday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Worship Team**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. We meet the second Tuesday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Our next meeting is September 13; please bring a dish to share!

#### **Women's Bible Study**

See you in the fall.

#### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

See you in the fall.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Sunday, August 28**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
12:00 pm CTK Golf Outing\*

#### **Sunday, September 4**

8:45 am Pancake breakfast  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship

#### **Sunday, September 11**

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Marketing/Outreach Team meeting  
12:30 pm Bowling League\*

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

5:30 pm Worship Team meeting

6:00 pm Women's Group

**Sunday, September 18**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Church Council meeting

**Sunday, September 25**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

**Saturday, October 8**

6:00 pm Oktoberfest Meal